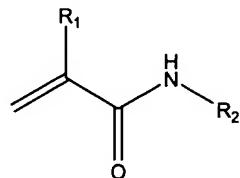


CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claim 8 and amend claims 1, 5, and 28 as follows.

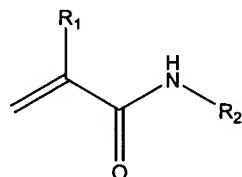
1. (Currently amended) An ink comprising
 - a. water;
 - b. at least one colorant including pigment particles;
 - c. ink binders including an acrylate-modified poly(vinyl alcohol) and a radiation-curable (meth)acrylamidoalkyl derivative of an oligomer or polymer containing a plurality of H-active groups;
wherein the radiation-curable (meth)acrylamidoalkyl derivative is added in the ink in an amount sufficient to provide the ink a desired viscosity for ink-jet printing or pad-printing while still being able to hold together and properly bind the ink to an ophthalmic lens onto which the ink is applied.
2. (Original) An ink as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said H-active groups are selected from the group consisting of $-\text{NH}_2$ groups and $-\text{OH}$ groups.
3. (Original) An ink as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said (meth)acrylamidoalkyl derivative is obtained by substituting at least one hydrogen atom in H-active groups of the oligomer or polymer with radicals of a N-hydroxyalkyl (meth)acrylamide of the structure



wherein R_1 is methyl or $-\text{H}$; R_2 is $-[(\text{CH}_2)_x-\text{O}-]_y-\text{H}$, where x is 1,2, or 3 and y is 1 – 5.

4. (Original) An ink as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the N-hydroxyalkyl (meth)acrylamide is selected from the group consisting of N-2-hydroxyethyl acrylamide, N-2-hydroxyethyl methacrylamide, N-methylol acrylamide, and N-methylol methacrylamide.
5. (Currently amended) An ink as Claimed in Claim 2, wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of polysaccharides, polysaccharide derivatives, poly(vinyl alcohol), poly(ethylene glycol), poly(propylene oxide), PEG-block-PPO, poly(acrylamide), poly(acrylamide), and copolymers thereof.

6. (Original) An ink as claimed in Claim 5, wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of dextran, hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, and polysaccharides comprising glucose monosaccharide units.
7. (Original) An ink as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said polymer is dextran and said N-hydroxyalkyl (meth)acrylamide is N-methylol acrylamide.
- 8-25. (Cancelled)
26. (Previously presented) An ink as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said (meth)acrylamidoalkyl derivative is obtained by substituting at least one hydrogen atom in H-active groups of the oligomer or polymer with radicals of a N-hydroxyalkyl (meth)acrylamide of the structure



wherein R₁ is methyl or -H; R₂ is $-[(CH_2)_x-O-]^y-H$, where x is 1,2, or 3 and y is 1 – 5.

27. (Previously presented) An ink as claimed in Claim 26, wherein the N-hydroxyalkyl (meth)acrylamide is selected from the group consisting of N-2-hydroxyethyl acrylamide, N-2-hydroxyethyl methacrylamide, N-methylol acrylamide, and N-methylol methacrylamide.
28. (Currently amended) An ink as Claimed in Claim 3, wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of polysaccharides, polysaccharide derivatives, ~~poly(vinyl alcohol)~~, poly(ethylene glycol), poly(propylene oxide), PEG-block-PPO, ~~poly(acrylamide)~~, poly(acrylamide), and copolymers thereof.
29. (Previously presented) An ink as claimed in Claim 28, wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of dextran, hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, and polysaccharides comprising glucose monosaccharide units.
30. (Previously presented) An ink as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said polymer is dextran and said N-hydroxyalkyl (meth)acrylamide is N-methylol acrylamide.
31. (Previously presented) An ink as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said polymer is dextran and said N-hydroxyalkyl (meth)acrylamide is N-methylol acrylamide.